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1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.4. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.5. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.6. ☐ Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.7. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional of prior PCT application No.: PCT/EP02/08463, filed 07/30/2002

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8. ☐ A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
9. ☒ Priority of foreign application number 2001A000113, filed on August 10, 2001
in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. ☒ Also enclosed:
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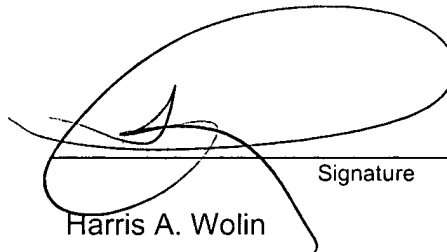
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- ☒ Attorney or agent of record
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